



NEWS RELEASE

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Border Patrol Agent Involved in Fatal Accident *First Female Agent Lost In San Diego Sector*

SAN DIEGO, Calif. -- We are saddened to report that Senior Patrol Agent Catherine Hill died early Friday morning, October 25, 2002. Agent Hill's vehicle rolled off an incline while she was on routine patrol duties. She died at the scene.

SPA Hill, 37, was a graduate of 419th U.S. Border Patrol Academy Session in Charleston, SC. She was assigned to the Imperial Beach Station where she volunteered for numerous tasks. Agent Hill was an Advisor for Explorer Post 1924. Additionally, she served with the Peer Support Unit that supports other officers in times of need. She has participated in law enforcement details in Arizona, Washington and Idaho.

Catherine Hill graduated from Grossmont High School in 1983 and was also a graduate of San Diego State University.

Agent Hill was an athlete. She participated in track events at the Nevada Police Games and enjoyed taking her Explorers on field hikes. She loved animals. Catherine assisted Sea World personnel in the rescue of a baby seal that was ultimately named after her.

Agent Hill was a vibrant young woman and a valued member of the United States Border Patrol. She will be profoundly missed. She is survived by family members in the San Diego area.

